IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

**[0001]** The opening 120h is in a ~~rectangular~~ basically elliptical shape having a round shape at each of the corner portions~~, that is, in a shape close to an ellipse~~. The shape of the opening 120h is asymmetrical with respect to a rotational axis 100a of the differential case 120. A longer diagonal line of the opening 120h is referred to as L1, and a shorter diagonal line of the opening 120h is referred to as L2 (L2 is shorter than L1). In the first embodiment, the opening 120 has a ~~rectangular~~ basically elliptical shape having a round shape at each of the corner portions thereof. However, the corner portions are not necessarily rounded.

Please amend paragraph [0043] as follows:

**[0002]** The fatigue life of the differential case 120 is adjusted by making the shape of the opening 120h asymmetrical with respect to the rotational axis 100a. Also, the opening 120h is in a ~~rectangular~~ basically elliptical shape having a round shape at each of the corner portions, and the round shapes of the adjacent corner portions are different from each other.

Please amend paragraph [0045] as follows:

**[0003]** More particularly, the opening 120h is in the ~~rectangular~~ basically elliptical shape having a round shape at each of the corner portions thereof, and the round shapes of the corner portions, which are adjacent to each other in the rotational direction of the differential gear unit 100, are different from each other. It is thus possible to obtain the fatigue life necessary for the increased driving force while maintaining the assembly performance of a differential gear. Therefore, the size of the differential case 120 need not be changed. As a result, the ~~moutability~~ mountability of the differential gear unit 100 is increased, and an increase in weight thereof can be suppressed. Also, the above-mentioned effects can be reliably obtained with a small design change by adjusting the round shape of the corner portion.